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Rural Storage Facilities
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether post-harvest losses of agricultural produce has been reduced or has increased during the last two years the details thereof, produce and year-wise;

(b) the details of the rural storage facilities as on date along with the capacity required and increased during the last two years, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the details of the financial assistance provided by the Government to various States for setting up of rural godowns during the last two years, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): As per available information, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) -Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering and Technology (CIPHET) has conducted two studies on Assessment of Quantitative Harvest and Post-Harvest Losses of Major Crops and Commodities in India and reports published in 2012 and 2015. In the context of rural storage facilities, ICAR-CIPHET's reports indicate that the percent storage losses have significantly reduced in case of wheat and paddy (33%), maize (42%), bajra (21%), pigeon pea (16.50%) and green gram (11.43%) over a period of five to six years. This might be owing to better storage technologies, facilities and other post-harvest practices adopted by different stakeholders. Contrary to this, storage losses have increased two fold in case of oilseeds particularly in soybean and sunflower. Besides, storage losses in chick pea and black gram have also increased. The details of storage losses are at Annexure-I.

(b): Number of godowns sanctioned in the country upto 31st March, 2016 under Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI) sub-scheme of Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing (ISAM) (under erstwhile Grameen Bhandaran Yojana) are 37795 with 619.49 lakh MT storage capacity. The State/Union Territory (UT) -wise rural storage facilities sanctioned till 31.03.2016 is given in Annexure−II. The increase in sanctioned capacity during the last two years i.e. during 2014-15 and 2015-16, is given in Annexure −III.

(c): Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI) sub-scheme of Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing (ISAM) is a demand driven scheme. Under the scheme, subsidy of Rs. 759.77 crore has been provided to various categories of promoters for setting up of rural godowns in the last two years. Details of State/Union Territory wise subsidy released during 2014-15 and 2015-16 are at Annexure-III.